

1. (Currently Amended) An immortalized hepatocyte cell culture of human normal cell origin retaining CYP1A1, CYP1A2 and CYP3A enzyme activity involved in the metabolism of xenobiotics in the liver or ~~the capability of expressing~~ which can be induced to express genes encoding enzymes involved in the metabolism of xenobiotics in the liver, wherein said enzymes are CYP1A1, CYP1A2 and CYP3A.
2. (Currently Amended) The cell culture according to Claim 1 **which further retains** ~~wherein the retained enzyme activity is~~ NADPH cytochrome P450 reductase activity, glucuronosyl transferase activity, ethoxyresorufine dealkylation activity, benzyloxyresorufine dealkylation activity, pentoxylresorufine dealkylation activity or methoxyresorufine dealkylation activity.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (ORIGINAL) The cell culture according to Claim1 wherein the cell culture is FERM BP-6328.
6. – 11. (Canceled)